MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government on other duty*): Yes.

MR. N. KUMARAN (*Nominated*); Is it not a fact that only 12 students are to be admitted to each class under the G. O. which constituted the school?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government on other duty*): I note the information.

MR. N. KUMARAN (*Nominated*): How many students were selected by the Selection Board each year for attendance at the school?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government on other duty*): I claim notice.

MR. N. KUMARAN (*Nominated*): When did they begin to fail to appear in pursuance of the selection made by the Selection Board? Of course, question (*b*) is, "Is it a fact that most of the applicants selected by the Selection Board failed to join the institution?" And the answer is "Yes".

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government on other duty*): The information is not now available.

MR. N. KUMARAN (*Nominated*): May I know when these enquiries began to be made?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government on other duty*): Which enquiries?

MR. N. KUMARAN (*Nominated*): In answer to (*c*), it is said that enquiries are being made.

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government on other duty*): After the interpellation was sent in.

MR. N. KUMARAN (*Nominated*): I wanted the exact date. Who makes the enquiries?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government on other duty*): The Director of Industries.

MR. N. KUMARAN (*Nominated*): Has he not yet submitted any report or offered any explanation with respect to this failure on the part of the candidates selected to attend the institution?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government on other duty*): Government await his report.

Training of a Student in Commerce and Industry.

65. MR. N. KUMARAN (*Nominated*): (*a*) What was the object of the Government in sending a student to London and getting him qualified in Commerce and Industry?

(*b*) What is the total expenditure incurred by the Government on his behalf?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Financial Secretary to Government*): (*a*) It was a technical scholarship granted to enable a Travancorean to undergo an advanced course of study in Banking and Industry.

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[Mr. K. George.]

(*b*) The total expenditure incurred by Government on this account was Rs. 19,026.

MR. N. KUMARAN (*Nominated*): Am I to understand that, at the time when it was decided to send a Travancore student to a foreign country for training in banking and industry, the Government was quite innocent of any other object than merely sending him away and getting him trained?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Financial Secretary to Government*): No mention of any object was made at the time when Government called for applications for the scholarship and Government had no idea that the candidate selected would be a Government officer.

MR. N. KUMARAN (*Nominated*): Will the member be able to tell me whether the Government in fact entertained any idea as to how the services of this gentleman are to be utilised when he returned after his training?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Financial Secretary to Government*): The idea must have been that, if a non-official was sent, he would come back and be of use to the State in the development of banking and industries.

MR. N. KUMARAN (*Nominated*): May I know where that gentleman is employed now?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Financial Secretary to Government*): That gentleman is Mr. Gopala Menon. He is now a Professor of the Arts College.

MR. N. KUMARAN (*Nominated*): That is to say, he is now in the same place as he was before.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Financial Secretary to Government*): No. He went away as an Assistant Professor and he is now a Professor.

MR. N. KUMARAN (*Nominated*): Do the Government consider that the training that he had obtained is being utilised for the benefit of the country by his being the Professor in the Arts College?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Financial Secretary to Government*): He is teaching economics and the training will be certainly not useless for him.

MR. N. KUMARAN (*Nominated*): Am I to understand then that he is using his special qualifications, as a Professor, on a subject in which he is not engaged?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Financial Secretary to Government*): That is a matter of opinion.

MR. N. KUMARAN (*Nominated*): I just want the opinion of Government and not my opinion.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Financial Secretary to Government*): It may or may not be useful in the member's opinion but it seems to be useful in the opinion of Government.

MR. N. KUMARAN (*Nominated*): Is it not possible for the Government to utilise his services for a better purpose, namely for the organisation of commerce and industries?

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MR. K. GEORGE (*Financial Secretary to Government*): It is not exactly clear in what way the member desires to utilise his services.

MR. N. KUMARAN (*Nominated*): This is not the time for the member to express his opinion.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Financial Secretary to Government*): If an opportunity offers, that person's services would be utilised.

Levy of fine for late payment of Fees in Schools.

66. **MR. C. P. KOCHUKUNJU PILLAI** (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*):

(*a*) Has the Director of Public Instruction issued instructions, with the approval of Government, fixing the dates for the payment of fees and the penalties for unpunctuality in departmental schools, under Rule 116 of the Education Code?

(*b*) If so, what are they?

(*c*) Is the 10th of each month not the last day fixed for payment of fees without fine?

(*d*) Is there any rule as to the levy of fine in cases in which the last day fixed for such payment happens to be a holiday?

(*e*) Did all the Headmasters of departmental schools or any of them realise fines with the fees collected on the 3rd Makaram 1099, the day of the re-opening of the schools after the Christmas holidays which began on the 6th Dhanu, and, if so, will the Government be pleased to state the names of the schools and of the Headmasters thereof who did so?

(*f*) What is the amount realised as fines in each of such schools?

(*g*) Are the Headmasters who levied the fine or those who did not levy the fine in the wrong?

(*h*) Do the Government propose to take action against those who are in the wrong, if any?

(*i*) Will the Government be pleased to inform the Council about the result of such action?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) and (*c*) (1) In Vernacular Schools, the date fixed for the payment of fees for the months from Edavam to Vrischikam and Makaram and Kumbham is the 15th of each month. For Dhanu the date fixed is the 1st of Makaram and for Meenam and Medam the 10th of Meenam. In English Schools, fees have to be paid by pupils of Form VI in nine equal instalments on the 10th of each of the months from Edavam to Makaram. By pupils of other Forms of English Schools, fees have to be paid in 8 equal instalments on the 10th of each of the months from Edavam to Dhanu.

(2) If a school is not open on the date on which payment is due, the fee is to be paid on the first school day following that date.

(3) If any pupil fails to pay a fee which is due on a given date, he shall be liable to pay a fine of 1 chackram in Vernacular Schools and 4 chackrams in English Schools. If he fails to pay the fee and fine on or before the 10th day after the fee is due, he shall not be permitted to

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